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## Letter from Samuel M. Finley to James B. Finley

Samuel M. Finley

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April the 3<sup>th</sup> 1853 Boraboo South West<sup>Asia</sup>

Dear brother and sister after my best love to you and my dear child heret this will inform you that your William letter came to hand yesterday and was read with pleasure and gratitude to god for the priviledge of hearing from you and more in time I am in good health thanks be to our heavenly father for all his love and mercy to poor me I have been to meeting and heard our Stationed preacher he took for his text the commission to out in all the world and preach the gospel to every creature he explained by telling us what a fine mission we had <sup>in</sup> Africa and China and telling <sup>us</sup> that the Methodist Church was the grate <sup>ful</sup> means of spreading the gospel and is standing it and call it over church and not a word of repentance or faith I have heard repentance faith conversion nor glory be to god has never been named and so much for this kind preaching now I will say something of my self I will say that I am here with out a relative <sup>or</sup> <sup>comfort</sup> me for so seen by all my children and for what reason I now not but thanks be to god I have friends of the right stripe god fearing god loving men and women and above all the Lord Jesus Christ is my captian preast and king young be god for his unbounded love I feel his love when I am resting and pray you may all feel it when you are resting we have no bidding city or that god may graciously us for a city as his builder and maker is god nothing of an earth by kind word to me as good as to see you all on earth and more but whether this will be my happy lot or not we cant tell if you will let me where you will be in July and August next I will try to run and see you if I can raise the means I want to see you not as much as any thing in this world give my best love to Eliza and parpamaley I must close by commending you all god and the work of his grace I am your affectionate brother and well wisher James B. [unclear] Samuel Mc Finley



I Thorrnet my dear ~~and~~ child you for som reason am now in toms  
 acted Strange I wish you wood take your pen tell me what is  
 matter you are the subiect of my prayers every day an bosum your self  
 and tell me your hole hart my child I love in my sole and wood  
 be glad to see you and talk with you for I can talk better than right  
 I have keep house by my self since Samuell left me last october a year  
 I must cofe I pray god to keep you by his power though faith an to eternal  
 life may god bless you all is the prair of your affectionet father untill  
 death  
 Thorrnet Finley

Samuell Finley

Rev

James B Finley

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